

Bulletin sponsor this week are for the:**Health of:**

Father Matthew and Deacon Edward, on the occasion of Clergy Appreciation Month, sponsored by the parish with love.

Memory of:

Uncle **George** on his birthday, requested by Linda Dantinne.

Readings:

Galatians 1:11-19 (20th Sunday after Pentecost)

[Timothy 2:1-10](#) (St. Demetrius)

[Hebrews 12:6-13; 25-27](#) (Earthquake)

Luke 16:19-31 (5th Sunday of Luke)

[John 15:17-27; 16:1-2](#) (St. Demetrius)

[Matthew 8:23-27](#) (Earthquake)

Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one

goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

Sunday Services:

Hours - 9:40 AM	Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM
General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month	
Private Confession - by appointment, contact Father Matthew	
Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy, 3 rd Sunday of each month	

Coffee hour - after Divine Liturgy.

We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee Hour.

Sunday school classes meet every Sunday.

Please see your child's teacher for meeting times.

Announcements:

- Our parish will be celebrating our **59th anniversary** on **Sunday, November 9th** with a potluck **luncheon** after the Divine Liturgy. The luncheon will **cost \$10** per person (13 and up), **payable at the door**. A sign-up sheet for luncheon items is posted downstairs. All parishioners are invited to share a food or beverage item!
- The **Parish Council** under direction of Archbishop Michael, has created a special fund for a **parish rectory**. Please **mark** any **donations** for this important fund with the designation "**Rectory**".

Reminders:

- **The Sisterhood's food drive is ongoing.** Please be generous with your donations. Collection bins are located both downstairs and in the back of the church. Thank you.
- **Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers.** And please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.
- Bulletin sponsors, prayer requests, or announcements for the bulletin should be **submitted by email to:** bulletin@churchmotherofgod.org
- Thank you to everyone who has been donating to our parish. There is a donation basket at the candle stand. Also, a **Venmo account** can be used for donations. It is at <https://venmo.com/u/Hala-Dawson> .
- **The Grey Book Step Meeting Group** of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 PM downstairs in the community room.
- **The Living Clean Group** of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday from 8-9:15 PM downstairs in the community room.

Holy, Glorious Demetrios the Myrrh-gusher of Thessaloniki:

*God, Who has given you invincible strength, Demetrios,
has adorned the Church with the royal purple of the streams of your blood,
and has kept your city unharmed,
for you are its support.*

Kontakion — Tone 2

Commemoration of the Great Earthquake at Constantinople:

In 740, at the time of the iconoclast emperor Leo the Isaurian, there was a terrible earthquake at Constantinople. Seeing this as God's just punishment for their sins, the people repented and prayed to the Most Holy Theotokos and to Saint Demetrios to help them. God had mercy on them, and the earthquake stopped.

*Christ our God, You look upon the earth and it trembles;
deliver us from the terrible threat of earthquakes;
and through the prayers of the Theotokos, send down upon us
Your abundant mercy and save us.*

Tone 8 - Troparion

*Deliver us all from upheavals, and from terrible afflictions caused by our sins, O Lord,
and spare Your people people whom You have purchased with Your blood, O Master.
Do not deliver Your city to destruction by terrible earthquakes,
for we know no other God than You; / and to those who cry out You respond:
"I am with you and no one will be against you."*

Tone 4 - Kontakion

Prokeimenon Tone 6 (Earthquake)

O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance! (Ps. 27:9a)

V. To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)

Prokeimenon Tone 7 (St. Demetrios)

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord, /and shall hope in Him. (Ps. 63:11a)

Alleluia verses:

V. (Earthquake) O God, You have cast us off, You have scattered us. (Ps. 59:1a)

*V. (Earthquake) You have made the earth to tremble, You have broken it; heal its breaches, for it
has been shaken! (Ps. 59:2)*

*V. (St. Demetrios) The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
(Ps. 91:11)*

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps. 148:1)

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings! (Ps. 111:6)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2025/10/26>

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and the website of the Orthodox Church in America: www.oca.org/

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*Glory to
Jesus Christ*

*Glory
Forever*

Holy, Glorious Demetrios the Myrrh-gusher of
Thessaloniki

*The entire world has found you to be a great champion in times of peril;
for you put the heathen to flight, O victorious one.
As you brought to naught the boasts of Lyaeus,
and gave courage to Nestor in the stadium,
in the same way, O Holy Great Martyr Demetrios,
entreat Christ God, that He grant us great mercy.*

Tone 3 — Troparion

October 26, 2025

Today the Church remembers:

Holy, Glorious Demetrios the Myrrh-gusher of Thessaloniki (ca. 306) •
Commemoration of the Great Earthquake at Constantinople in 740 A.D. • St.
Theóphil of the Kiev Caves, Bishop of Novgorod (Far Caves—1482) • Martyr
Lupus (ca. 306) • Ven. Athanasius of Medikion Monastery (ca. 814) • Monastic
Martyr Joseph of Dionysiou (Mt. Athos—1518)

20th Sunday after Pentecost
5th Sunday of Luke

Tone 3 of the [Octoechos](#)